

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of September 7, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9, 12-15, 17, and 20 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-9 and 12-15 stand allowed.

Claims 17 and 20 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 10 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claims 10, 16, 17, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 10 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Ando (US 6,375,431) as modified by Sabini (US 2001/0041139).

The Claims Are Now in Condition For Allowance

Claims 10 and 16 have been cancelled. This eliminates the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 103 issues.

Claim 17 has been amended to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph issues.

Interview Summary

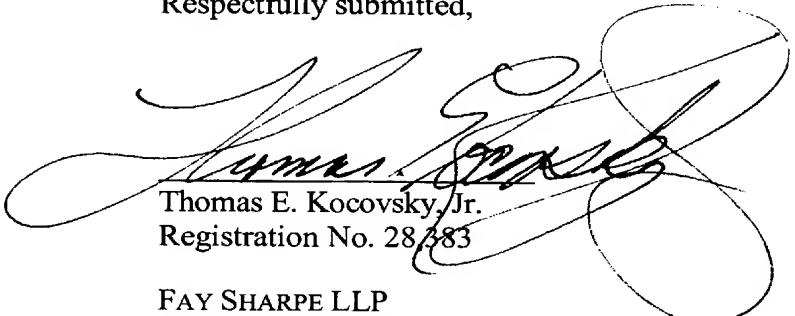
The applicant expresses appreciation to Examiner Kasture for the kind courtesy of brief Telephone Interviews on November 3 and 4, 2010 to discuss the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issues.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1-9, 12-15, 17, and 20 are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at 216.363.9000.

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